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Dear Harold:

I have received your letters of July 29, 1984 and August 23, 1984--no problem at all with the delay.

I think I shall pass at present on the Hoover in the New Deal days. I already have much material on his activities then, supplemented by additional documents of the 1940s from the O&C File.

I am interested in the Jim Bishop material and the two specific examples of "The Director Is Always Right" re the Warren Commission testimony and the follow-up re your discovery on the absence of trees (by the way you did not send me copies of this). Why not send on the whole 150 pages on the Warren Commission testimony--it might make sense to highlight this episode and I might find it better to quote extensively.

Re your separate file on "Hoover's Notes." At this point, my preference is that you be selective. I suspect that the examples come from the King assassination records exclusively and, in the final analysis, this is only part of the larger story of the biography. Clearly it will not be possible to go into detail re Hoover's responses to all the investigations he took an interest in and thus followed closely--and, furthermore, I could not afford either the time or the cost to do so.

I await these submissions. There is no particular hurry--any time this fall is acceptable. Again, let me remind you to send along an itemized bill (whether in the form of a letter--if so, write a separate letter--or formal bill). I can promise you payment within 10 days after receipt of your bill (it does take some time to process matters through the University's Comptroller's Office, which has administrative responsibility over my various grants).

As ever,

Athan Theoharis